3. The Board of Film Certification shall also ensure that the film.

(i) is judged in its entirely from the point of its overall impact; and

(ii) is examined in the light of the period depicted in the film and the contemporary standards of the country and the people to which the film relate provided that the film does not deprave the morality of the audience.

(4.) Films that meet the above-mentioned criteria but are considered unsuitable for exhibition to non-adults shall be certified for exhibition to adult audiences only.

(5.) (1) While certifying films for unresticted public exhibition, the Board shall ensure that the film is suitable for family viewing, that is to say, the fiilm should be such that all the members of the family including children can view it together.

(2) If the Board, having regard to the nature, content and theme of the film, is of the opinion that it is necessary to caution the parents/ guardian to consider as to whether any child below the age of twelve years may be allowed to see such a film, the film shall be certified for unrestricted public exhibition with an endorsement to that effect

(3) If the Board, having regard to the nature, content and theme of the film, is of the opinion that the exhibition of the film should be restricted to members of any. profession or any class of persons, the film shall be certified for public exhibition restricted to the specialised audiences to be specified by the Board in this behalf.

(6) The Board shall scrutinise the titles of the film carefully and ensure that they are not provocative, vulgar, offensive or violative of any of the above-mentioned guidelines.

Indian Information Service Officers in Prasar Bharati Board

590. SMT. KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons of the Indian Information Service in the Prasar Bharati Board have desired to be repatriated back to the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the reasons for their discontentment with the Board; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) and (b) There are a total of 441 posts in Prasar Bharati (All India Radio and doordarshan) belonging to Indian Information Service cadre. As against this, only 13 officers have requested for transfer out of Prasar Bharati mainly on personal grounds. None of them have expressed any discontentment with the Board. All the officers in Prasar Bharati continue to retain their status in the Government service and are presently availing the same perks and facilities as were available to them prior to the formation of Prasar Bharati.

(c) Does not arise.

Allotment of News Bulletin Slots on Doordarshan to M/s. Rainbow Communications

591. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to starte:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new-item captioned "Mafia Kingpin bags DD prime time slot" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 3rd October, 1998;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have allotted three new bulletin slots on the prime time to M/s. Rainbow Communications despite opposition by the staff;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to bring transparency in the allotment of time slots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All programme matters relating to Doordarshan fall within the purview of Prasar Bharati which is now an autonomous statutory corporation. Prasar Bharati, as per their existing policy, do not allow private producers to telecast sponsored news programme on Doordarshan. However, M/s. Rainbow Communications, Calcutta were allowed to telecast new based programme in the regional service of DDK, Calcutta by the then CEO, Shri S.S. Gill, without the approval of the Prasar Bharati Board. The decision was subsequently reviewed and the earlier agreement cancelled. Since the producer approached the Calcutta High Court and obtained a stay order, the programme continues as at present. Prasar Bharati has moved both the Calcutta High Court and the Supreme Court against the verdict of the High Court. The matter is sub-judice.

(d) All programme matters fall within the purview of Prasar Bharati and decisions in such cases, including allotment of time slots, are taken by them keeping in view the programme requirements of Doordarshan and over all interest of the organisation.

Clearance of News Telecasts by Regional Doordarshan Stations

592. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether news telecastes from the reginal Doordarshan stations need prior clearance by the authorities in New Delhi and the reasons for this standing arrangements;

(b) whether Government will consider increasing the frequency of news in local languages from the regional stations; and

(c) the nature of consultations with the State Governments in developing programmes for the regional stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Prasar Bharati have intimated that it is not possible at present to increase the frequency of news in local languages from the regional Kendras due to lack of manpower, finance and other infrastructural constraints.

(c) No consultation is normally done except in rare cases when it is considered essential to verify the authenticity and objectivity of the story.

Assistance All India Women's Conference in Setting-up Bio-Gas Plants

593. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Women's Conference is assisting the villages to set up bio-gas plants in the villages throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many bio-gas plants have so far been set up by the Conference in the villages of Gujarat with district-wise details and how many are likely to be set up during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) All Indian Women's Conference (AIWC) has been assisting non-governmental oranisations